

**NEXT SUNDAY: 15 MARCH**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
3.00pm	Messy Church	St John's
6.30pm	Taize Service	St John's

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**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** for next Sunday's newsletter (in writing) **by Tuesday please**. If separate flyers are to be produced, please let the Office know. **Please email to:** [newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk)

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**PARISH MAGAZINE:** Please note that the deadline for articles for the **May 2020** magazine is **Sunday 5 April**, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs. You can email direct to [magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk) (A5 format please), or leave in pigeonhole in church or deliver direct to 27 Beechfield Road. Sally-Anne Bates, Editor. Tel: 266912.

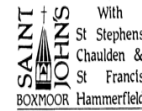
**TEXT GIVING:** Not everyone carries cash around with them. Not everyone is able to give regularly to the Church or via Direct Debit. But would giving via Text Message help? Please see details in the Pews or Text **PLATE 5** to give £5, or **PLATE 10** to give £10, to **70085**.

**PARISH STATIONERY:** Want to send someone a note? Then why not grab yourself some notelets of St John's from the glass cabinet near the Glass Doors. £3 a pack of 10.

*Please take this Newsletter home with you as a reminder  
of those who have asked for your prayers and events you may wish to attend*

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# NEWSLETTER

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8 March 2020

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**TODAY'S SERVICES IN THE PARISH**

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St John's
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	<i>Hymns: Red Book: 331, 237, 148 Yellow Book: 27, 57</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Beniston – God so loved the world</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Mendelssohn – If with all your hearts</i>	
10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St John's

**THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 9-14 March**

<b>Daily:</b>	8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
<b>MONDAY</b>	2.15pm Poetry Group (53 Beechfield Road)	
	<b>7.30pm Holy Communion</b>	
	<b>8.00pm Lent Course</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.30am Tiny Tots - Stay, Play and Service (Hall & Church)	
	6.45pm Office Hour – Baptism & Wedding enquiries	
	8.00pm PCC Meeting (Hall 1)	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee</b>	
	5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Francis')	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	No Morning Prayer today	
	8.30am MASJ WOOFYT Day	
	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b> (St Stephen's)	
	<b>10.00am Lent Course</b> (St Stephen's)	
	3.30pm Friendship Tea – all welcome (Hall)	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	5.30pm Junior Choir (Hall 1)	
	7.00pm Choir Practice (Hall 1)	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00am Baptism Preparation	
	10.00am Coffee Morning	
	2.00pm Collation of new Archdeacon of St Albans (St Mary's, Old Town)	
	7.30pm Quiz Night (Hall)	

**Details of next Sunday Services are on the back of the Newsletter**

## **YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** St Stephen's Church, Chaulden.

**those who are ill:** Adam, Lynsey Abbott, Trevor Boyce, Catherine, Derek Cordery, Michele Finch, Margaret Gunning, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Beryl King, Nicholas King, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Vicky, Pauline Webb;

**those with ongoing needs:** Richard Berry, Sheila Charge, Val Darvill, Margaret Delph, Rev'd Ivor Dowse, Andrew Gunning, Jean Hammond, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Catherine Keppel, Sheila Lewis, Brian Laidlaw, Samuel & James Lockyer, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Steve Randall, Godfrey Rock, Marion Roff, Jean Stevens, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Ken Warby, Daniel Williams, Christine Wilson, Rory Wilson, Mike Winch;

*Prayers for others with ongoing needs are offered at our weekday services.*

*If you wish to be remembered at Morning and Evening Prayer only, please contact the vicar.*

### **those who have died recently:**

Vera Knight      Funeral: Monday 16 March, 10.00am at St John's

Barbara Potts    Funeral: Monday 16 March, 12noon at St John's

Sylvia Shaw      Funeral: tbc

John Jones

### **and we pray for their families and friends.**

**Years mind 8-14 March:** Tracey Steel (9.3.19), Bobby Havinden (10.3.18), John Penfold (10.3.17), Ruby Brook (12.3.18).

## **TODAY**

**CHORAL EVENSONG:** Tonight, 6.30pm, at St John's. Music to include *To thee, O Lord* by Rachmaninov, *Yea though I walk* by Sullivan, *Responses* by Aylewood, and *Canticles* by Walmsley in D minor. A peaceful and prayerful way to end the day. All are welcome.

## **THIS WEEK**

**LENT:** Lent is a great time to grow closer to God. Hopefully you have not slipped-up in your Lenten discipline just yet, but if you have now is the time to start again. How are you going to use this season to deepen your relationship with God?

**LENT COURSE: PRAYER** The Lent Course continues this week, with opportunity to join sessions on Mondays following Eucharist at 7.30pm at St John's, or Thursdays following Eucharist at 9.30am at St Stephen's. Each session will last about an hour.

**FRIENDSHIP TEAS:** An opportunity for everyone to meet in a relaxed setting, and share friendship with people who may be bereaved, or otherwise on their own. Join us to celebrate Spring with a delicious afternoon tea, on **Thursday (12 March), 3.30-5.00pm**, in the hall. N.B. If the weather is bad, please check first ☎256216.

**QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 14 March, 7.30pm**, St John's Hall - Sold out but happy to put your name on waiting list if anybody drops out. WANTED – prizes for the raffle. All donations accepted to maximise our income. Please pass them to Alan Munford or Jo Fisher. Many thanks.

**MESSY CHURCH: Sunday 15 March, 3.00-5.00pm.** Join us at Messy Church where we will learn about the importance of Lent for Christians and get crafty, play games, hear stories and eat food! There will also be time to create cards ready for Mothering Sunday.

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**CORONAVIRUS:** The following advice has been issued by the Church of England:

- Should you wish not to receive from the chalice (common cup) and instead only receive the host (bread) you are still receiving the full Sacrament of Christ.
- The Chalice is made of silver which is antibacterial. The wine is 20% proof which kills germs. The purificator will wipe germs away, and we turn the chalice between each communicant.
- Do NOT intinct (dip) your wafer in the chalice – more germs are conveyed that way with fingers touching the wine.
- We will continue to share the Peace. You may like to wear gloves or simply acknowledge each other. Sensible precautions of washing your hands before and after the Service will also help prevent the spread of germs.

**LENT READING:** Thank you to all those who have picked up some books and donated a total of £94.50 to support the persecuted church through Barnabas Fund. If you missed out, there is a selection in the office otherwise please do feel free to ask for a fuller selection. With thanks again. Barbara Richardson.

**CHRISTIAN AID SOUP LUNCH: Friday 27 March, 12.30pm** in the hall. All welcome. Please let Marian Davies know if you are able to come.

**STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION: Sunday 29 March, 6.30pm**, St John's. The Choir, with guest soloists and friends, are to perform John Stainer's great devotional work *The Crucifixion*. A great way to enter the mystery of Christ's Passion through music and the words of Scripture. All welcome.

**FEET FOR WASHING:** On Maundy Thursday we will re-enact the washing of the disciples' feet by our Lord. We therefore need 12 volunteers to have their feet washed as part of the service. Please speak to the Vicar if you are willing.

**VISIT TO ASSISI – OCTOBER 2020:** A small group from St Francis Church are planning to visit Assisi together with Father Benjamin in October this year – flying out on Friday 16, staying in Assisi and flying home on Monday 18. If anyone from St John's or St Stephen's would like to join them, they will be most welcome. If you are interested, please talk to Marian Davies in the first instance.

**CAR FOR SALE:** Margaret Gunning has decided to stop driving so has a car for sale – a Toyota Yaris, automatic. If interested please contact Margaret on 01442 239866.

**NUMBERED ENVELOPES:** The 2020/21 numbered envelopes are now available at the back of St John's. Will subscribers to the Envelope scheme please collect their box. The new supply is for use from Easter Sunday (12 April) and the envelopes are coloured yellow. Chris Angell, Hon. Treasurer.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Summer Fair in the church grounds, Saturday 13 June.

**KNITTED CHICKS AND RABBITS WITH CREAM EGGS** will be on sale in church on Mothering Sunday and Sundays afterwards.